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SINCE Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the cause of bicycle-racing has advanced several points. The crowds who watched the races were enthusiastic in their praises of the sport. It is good fun, and deserves to be patronized liberally.

ONE of the costliest spectacular entertainments that ever occurred in the country was that which the Hocking Valley Railroad put up Saturday for the delectation of a sensation-loving public who might want to see a railroad collision without the usual attendant misery of loss of life.

The road took two of its oldest engines, painted them in gay colors, and before a multitude, ran them together at a speed of fifty miles an hour. As the engines struck their forward ends rose high in the air, and in a last embrace, like a pair of dying lovers they expired.

This hurling together of two mighty iron monsters is put down in the papers as being a contribution to science. We think this is a little far-fetched, for these same demonstrations are accidentally occurring every day, and science we think can get little benefit from them except a better acquaintance with broken bones and the like.

The exhibition was the first of its kind in Ohio, and it was witnessed by twenty thousand people.

### Memorial Day Exercises.



the river and details of veterans and friends laid their sanctified tributes of flowers upon the graves of the sleeping beroes in the city cemeteries. The school children assisted in the decoration, gathering an added inspiration of patriotism from the ceremony of thus honoring the memory of the nation's

At the Auditorium at 7:30 in the evening a Memorial Address was delivered by Judge H. L. Sibley and orations by Verne W. Boyie, T. Jesse Jones, Wm. E. Sykes and A. T. Williamson. The two latter were awarded prizes, Sykes for thought and composition and Williamson for delivery. Presentation of the prizes was made by Rev. W. E.

The orations were upon patriotic subjects and a new feature in the observance of Memorial Day in this city. They will no doubt prove a permanent addition to the program for future

The Auditorium was packed by an audience who heard the Memorial address and orations with keen appreciation of the full significance of the occasion. Their presence attested the Later on, between 1840 and 1850 the enduring veneration in which the American citizen holds the dead and living veterans who bore bravely and without murmur the great burden of

Simple Question for Eliver Lenders. Who would be benefited by adultera-tiof the currency? Not the farmers. hey could not be better off if they got to could not be better on it tally go.

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### SOME HARD FACTS.

They Hit Telding Blows Against Free Colonge at Sixteen to One. Hon. Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior, delivered a speech in New York on May 16 on the currency question. It is a speech that should be read by all who buy and sell or who vote or have

influence with voters. It is as follows: The people of this country make their contracts payable in dollars. Uncertainty as to the meaning of the word dollar must create doubt as to the effect of contracts and general distrustin busi-

The dollar of the United States at the present time has a distinct meaning. It is equivalent to 23.22 grains of pure gold. Paper dollars are mere promises to pay it coin. Silver dollars, while they contain bullion worth only about 50 contain bullion worth only about 30 cents each, have been surrounded by safeguards of legislation limiting the number coined and supporting from by the credit of the government, so that they have been kept on a parity with gold dollars. Twenty-three-twenty-twoone-hundredths grains of gold therefore measure the value of what is meant by a dollar, when the term is used for trade here, and this has been true for about 50 years, with the exception of the period during which paper dollars were depreciated.

Upon the floor of the house of representatives in 1853, when the bill was pending which made fractional currency subsidiary, Cyrus L. Dunham, of Indiana, who had charge of the bill,

"An objection urged against this proposed change is that it gives us a gold standard only. \* \* Gentlemen talk about a double standard of gold and silver as a thing that exists, and that we propose to change. We have had but a single standard for the last three or four years; this has been and now is gold; we propose to let it remain so and adapt silver to and regulate it by gold."

After this long experience in the use of dollars based upon 23.22 grains of gold the advocates of silver demand its free, unlimited and independent coinage at the present ratio.

This is really a proposition to remove from silver dollars the safeguards of legislation which surround them, to withdraw the limit and to take from them the support of the government. It is an effort to reach a bimetallic currency by the free and unlimited coinage of two metals at a fixed ratio which places 100 cents' worth of bullion in the gold dollar and 50 cents' worth of bullion in the silver dollar.

The experience of every country which has attempted the free and unlimited coinage of the two metals at a ratio disegarding the commercial value of the bullion of each metal put into a dollar has been the coinage and use of the cheaper metal and the loss as money of the more valuable metal. The prin-ciple is thus expressed by Sir Isaac

Gresham:
"If debased coin is attempted to be circulated with full value coin, all of the latter will disappear from circulation, and the overvalued and debased coin will alone remain, to the ruin of our commerce and business."

This indisputable doctrine was taught in the 14th century by Nicholas Oresme and again in the 16th century by Nicholas Copernicus. Coming down to 1717, Sir Isaac Newton, at that time director of the mint of England, de-

"If silver leaves the shores of England in crowns or in ingots, the produce of coins remelted, and gives place to gold, it is because the value which the monetary legislation assigns to it, in relation to gold, is not correct.

Apply the lesson practically to our own money. With free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of sixteen to one silver monometallism would result, and the measure of the value of our dollar would be 3711/4 grains of silver, worth about 13 grains of gold.

But the advocates of silver coinage insist that with 371% grains of silver admitted in unlimited quantities to the mints for coinage, free of charge, the bullion, value of this number of grains would necessarily be equal, before coinage, to the coined dollar. This is true, and it would be equally true of 100 grains, or of one grain, if admitted free and in unlimited quantities to coinage. Indeed, if chips were admitted free and in unlimited quantities to the privilege if being stamped into dollars, the chips, before they were stamped, would be worth as much as the dollars after they were stamped, but unfortunately the dollars would be worth no more than

Another favorite argument of the free silver advocates refers to the experience of France, and they have claimed all over the country that France, from 1803 to 1874, by fixing a legal ratio for the coinage of silver and gold (at fifteen and one-half to one), kept the commercial ratio between the two metals at the same figures. This inaccurate statement has been one of their principal arguments. If they will really examine the history of France, they will find that before 1920 the difference between the commercial value of gold and silver excceded fifteen and one half to one, and France became silver monometallic. commercial difference was less than fifteen and one-half to one, and France be-

came gold monometallic. From 1792 to 1860 the subject of coinage of gold and silver was frequently discussed by American statesmen, and no suggestion can be found, from any of them, that the government could overcome even a small difference in the commercial value of metals by free and unlimited coinage at a fixed ratio.

This country failed to add three per cent, to the value of silver and make it equal to a ratio of fifteen to one with gold prior to 1834, and it falled to add six per cent. to gold and make it equal to a ratio of one to sixteen with silver quent to 1840.

No limit can be placed upon the mass of sliver still unmined. Good authority indicates that the present annual vol-mer can be produced for about 60 cents

maintain a price upon such a commodity which would give it a profit entirely disproportioned to that earned by the average enterprise. Yet the advocates of free coinage of silver at a local ratio of sixteen to one, although the com-

mercial ratio is thirty-one to one. We are therefore confronted with a proposition to change the meaning of the dollar from 23,22 grains of gold to 3711/4 grains of silver. As 3711/4 grains of silver are worth only about 13 grains of gold, it is practically a proposition, at a single blow, to reduce the value of

a dollar one-half. It is a movement more radical than one to reduce openly the bullion in a gold dollar to 13 grains. This would be a step dangerous, but definite. No one knows what 3711/4 grains of silver would be worth under free and unlimited coinage. It is impossible to say whether the increased demand for silver would carry Saturday. Crowds which began so increased demand for silver would carry Song before daylight, finally became so 13 grains of gold, or whether this increased demand would shortly produce a disproportioned increased supply and carry the value of 3711/4 grains of silver somewhat below 13 grains of gold.

I am aware that the advocates of free coimage of silver object to estimating the value of silver in gold, but all international trade is measured by grains of gold. No matter what system we adopt, unless our international commerce is abandoned, our dollars will be actually measured by gold, even though we fix them upon a silver standard.

The movement for the free and unlimited coinage of silver is therefore an effort not only to reduce the value of a dollar about one-half, but to leave it in a state of uncertainty. It threatens a complete change in the meaning of the term dollar to some meaning in the neighborhood of one-half its present meaning. It threatens an entire change of the value of the term by which contracts and credits are estimated and by which business is conducted.

In every country where progress and business must depend upon credits. The credits are estimated in dollars, and whatever creates a doubt as to the meaning of a dollar must tend to suppress business. The mere threat involves uncertainty, and this uncertainty must be removed to bring back to business normal prosperity.

To appreciate the importance of removing doubt upon this subject, contemplate briefly the process of reaching the proposed silver standard. We saw in 1893 a paralysis of business, in large part produced by the threat of a silver standard.

If a president and congress were elected in November committed to the free and unlimited coinage of 3711/4 grains of silver into dollars, nearly six months would pass before they could be inaugurated and six months more before the proposed legislation could become law. During that time creditors would seek to protect themselves against be-During that time creditors would ing paid in dollars worth only about 13 grains of gold, and they would endeavor to make collections before the unlimited coinage of depreciated dollars began. The debtors would not be allowed to remain debtors until they could they owed at 50 cents on the dollar; they would be forced to immediate ers in their respective classes. settlements. Sheriffs and constables would call upon them without delay. Depositors in banks would withdraw their money. The large merchants, forced to settle their foreign indebtedness, would insist upon immediate payments of debts due from smaller merchants. The smaller merchants in turn would be compelled to force collections ume of business conducted upon credits water. would cease.

Manufacturing enterprises could not afford to continue business or make contracts until the value of the new dollar could be settled by the determination of just what 371¼ grains of silver would prove to be worth. Manufactories would close. Business houses would fail. Banks would be raided. The unemployed would be numbered by millions. The farmers would find few purchasers for their products. Want

and famine would pervade the land.

At the end of a few years, when business settled down to the new meaning of a dollar, fluctuations in the commercial price of silver would still keep our dollars of uncertain value and hinder domestic trade.

Business interests, reaching from the richest banker to the poorest paid laborer, require the removal of all doubt about the meaning of a dollar. No man should be trusted even with an important nomination who does not recognize that the value of a dollar is now meas ured by 23.22 grains of gold, and who is not willing to openly declare his purpose to help keep it there.

The Cheap Money Will-o'-the-Wisp.



The Journal has always stood for sound money and contended that the result of the discussion would be the triumph of that doctrine. It did not do this in the spirit of prophecy, but be-cause it was convinced that the good sense of the people would bring them to no other conclusion. The politicians may manipulate and make a great show-ing on the free silver side, but when one comes to talk to the people at large, when the question is presented to them, there is but one result possible.—Mill vaniles Journal

### THE POPULAR FETE

Of the Coronation Ceremonies Held in Moscow—Men and Women Trampled Down and Killed in the Dense Crowd. Moscow, May 30.—The popular fete of the coronation ceremonies at which between 400,000 and 500,000 people were fed and indulged in all sorts of merry making, was held Saturday on the Hodynski plain opposite the Pepalace, and was the of the first fatalities troffsky scene that have marked the coronation festivities. This free feast, which has always been the popular feature of coronations, has hitherto been the occasion of a great deal of crowding and good natured fighting for places on the part of the hundreds of thousands of guests of the city, but no such gathering was ever witnessed on the Hodynski plain as that which assembled Saturday. Crowds which began coming dense and so eager to obtain access to amusements, that they could not be controlled. Men, women and children were thrown down and either trampled upon and were either badly injured or killed, while others had their lives crushed out by the fear-ful pressure of the vast ful pressure of crowd. The police and military finally succeeded in scattering the multitude so that there was no further danger, when it was found that a number of persons had been killed. The fete was held in the presence of the czar and a distinguished company of guests who occupied seats in a large pavilion espe for the occasion.

### SCHOOLS SUFFER.

Many of the Buildings in St. Louis Wrecked by the Tornado.

St. Louis, Mo., May 80.-The officials of the board of education are busily figuring out the enormous loss which the schools suffered. All the south end schools between Chouteau avenue prosperity are found the great bulk of and Arsenal street were badly damaged. Some had roofs blown away walls caved in, and others go off with ruined windows and chimneys. The schools which suffered most are the Clinton. Clinton branch Peabody, Charles Hogden, Pestalozzi, Grant, New Sheppard, L'Ouverture, Froebel, Lafayette, Longfellow and Madison. The Compton, Marquette, Chouteau and Garfield also suffered, The school board can not repair the damage for less than \$50,000, and perhaps a larger sum will be needed. Several of the schools will not be

opened again until September.

Yacht Racing on the Thames. LONDON, May 30 .- The match races of the new Thames Yacht club from South End to Harwich were sailed Saturday. The sky was cloudy and there was a contrary tide, with the wind from the northeast. The start was made at 9:55 a. m. In the race for large raters the Satanita crossed the

line ten seconds ahead of the Britannia, which was followed by the Ailsa, Caress, Isolde, Corsair and Hester. In the race for twenty raters, the Penitent crossed the line first and the Niget the advantage of paying off what agara last. Afterward the Britannis and the Niagara overhauled the lead-

Hallstones Three Inches in Diameter. RENO, Nev., May 30.—The heaviest rain and hail storm in years visited Reno Friday, morning. Hailstones three inches in diameter fell and hardly a whole skylight in the city remains. The Truckee river was the highest known in 15 years and the Truckee from their customers. The great vol-ume of business conducted upon credits water. Vegetation was considerably damaged. Three men were drowned in the river at Prosser Creek. Their names can not be learned.

### Cleveland and Cabinet to Visit Senator Vilas.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., May 30. President Cleveland and members of his cabinet will be the guests of Sena tor Vilas this summer and will fish and hunt along the Brule about thirty miles from here for about thirty days

Willing to Correct Mistakes. About the only argument the free silver papers offer in advocating the issuance of flat money is that Secretary Carlisle and the Courier-Journal have changed their views on the money question. To their credit, be it said, the Courier-Journal and Secretary Cartisle argue the question.-Lexington (Ky.)

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